श्री पुट्टापागा राधाकृष्ण : उसमें उन्होंने उन बिल्डिंग्ज का लिस्ट दिया है जिनमें फायर-फाइटिंग डिवाइसिज नहीं रहने के नोटिस दिया गया है। उनमें गैर सरकारी बिल्डिंग्ज 80 हैं, सरकारी और सरकारी अंडरटेकिंग्ज की बिल्डिंग्ज 89 हैं। प्राइवेट आदमी के कानून के लूपहोल्ज देख कर लूपहोल्ज से पार होने को सकता है, लेकिन हम यह बात नहीं मानते कि सरकार भी कानून के लूपहोल्ज को देख कर उसमें से पास होना चाहती है।

इसमें सरकारी 89 बिल्डिंग्ज में फायर-फाइटिंग डिवाइसिज नहीं है। इसके लिए सरकार क्या सोच रही है कि एक समय पर इसको कम्पलीट करना है। कितने समय में इन रिक्वायरमेंट्स को कम्पलाई करेंगे ?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, our attitude towards the Government and the private buildings is the same. Continuous-process is going on. From the records, I can say that in regard to Government buildings, till today, 8 Government buildings have complied with 10-14 requirements, 15 buildings with 7-9 requirements, 3 buildings have complied with 5-8 requirements and 63 buildings have complied with 2-4 requirements. We have got the information in respect of the private buildings also.

It is true that all the formalities have not been complied with by the Government and the private buildings. But we are pursuing the matter and we will not hesitate to punitive action. The Minister has called a meeting sometime in this month. Then, further steps will be taken. Apart from the Government buildings, we have requested the C.P.W.D; to have a Superintending Engineer exclusively to oversee the compliance of these requirements. This is being done and I am sure that in the near future all these formalities would be observed.

श्री पुट्टापागा राधाकृष्ण : सभापति जी, हमें पता है कि दिल्ली में होटल खोलने के लिए परमिशन देना बंद किये हुए हैं, लेकिन होटल्ज बंद नहीं हैं। होटल्ज तो गैर-कानूनी खुलते ही जा रहे हैं। वह बूल्स मिट्टी तो के डिपार्टमेंट वालों को थोड़ा थोड़ा बांटते हैं, चढ़ाते रहते हैं।

श्री [illegible] : आप तो सब ही एक्सेप्ट करते फायर-फाइटिंग डिवाइसिज पर है।

श्री पुट्टापागा राधाकृष्ण : कारण यह है कि यह परमिशन देने का, लाइसेंस देने का प्रोविजन नहीं है, इस लिए यह कंडीशन फुलफिल नहीं करते हैं--बिना फायर-फाइटिंग डिवाइसिज के होटल्ज चलाते रहते हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

"Review of the Forest Conservatisn Act"

*142. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has stressed the need for the setting up of a high power committee to reveiw the provisions under the Forest Conservation Act;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the said committee will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Committee consisting of Members of Parliament, officials and non-officials has been set up on 6.4.1989. The terms of reference of the Committee are laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

Statement

(i) To examine and define, in the National context, the ecological role of forests and the manner in which this should be achieved;

(ii) To formulate a conceptual frame-work for forest protection and conservation in the counry;

(iii) To examine the implementation aspects of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the National Forest Policy, 1988 with a view to fulfilling the need for conservation as well as the developmental aspiration of the people especially those living in and around forest areas;

(iv) To propose an implementation strategy and the institutional arrangements including public support systems required for this purpose.

Reorganisation of large States

*146. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have in the recent past, considered the question of reorganising the large States in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to set up any commission for the reorganisation of the States in the country; and

(c) if so, what is the decision, if any; taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) ond (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Payment of outstanding dues by Iraq

*147. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq has to pay a large amount of money to the Indian public and private sector companies; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to ensure immediate payments?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since 1983, Deferred Payment Agreements have been entered into between the Governments of India and Iraq for realisation of dues of the Indian companies in respect of projects covered by the Agreements. Negotiations for Deferred Payment Agreement, 1989 are yet to be held and Iraqi authorities have been requested for dates for holding the negotiations.

Hardships being faced by Indian citizens wishing to go aborad

*148. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian citizens wishing to go abroad have to undergo various hardships by going through various offices, viz. Passport; Protectorate of Immigration, income tax and travel agencies which exploit them in one way or the other; and

(b) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken by Government to simplify the procedure to mitigate the hardships of persons wishing to go abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) There are procedural requirements which are intended to serve specific purposes. Evey effort is made to mitigate the hardship, if any, faced by persons going abroad.